

Have Courage & be Kind Scholarship
2019 - In Memory of Erica Leone Montague (ELM)

The Have Courage, & be Kind Scholarship is established in memory of **Erica Leone Montague**, the daughter of Brad and Jenny Montague and the sister to Marissa, of Payson, Utah.

Erica was killed in a tragic car accident May 7, 2016, just three-short weeks after turning 16. Erica had gone with a friend to take a gift to another friend to “cheer the friend up.” On their way back they were hit by another car; Erica was the passenger in the car and the other vehicle hit her side of the car; she was killed on impact.

Erica was a joy and a blessing to her parents and her sister, Marissa. Erica loved life, and had courage to try things, even if she wasn’t the best at them. From the time Erica came into this world she was loved by those around her. Erica had a great sense of humor, was caring, and kind to all she met. She loved to try new things and especially liked trying new foods.

From a young age Erica loved to dance. When she was old enough to start participating in sports Erica played soccer, futsal, volleyball, cross country, track, Basketball, and softball (this was her favorite sport). When Erica was in 9th grade she tried out for the softball team but did not make the team, which was hard on her. However, Erica worked harder than ever her sophomore year, tried out again and made it; she was ecstatic and continued to work hard. Erica never gave up; she had courage in everything she did.

Erica loved being involved in school activities. Besides dance and sporting activities, Erica also enjoyed being a part of Jr. Honor Society, singing in the choir, playing the piano and accordion. Erica had just made the Serendipity Choir team and was excited about this. Erica loved learning; and loved learning new things. Erica was kind and a friend to all; and would try to include everyone. Erica loved to help people, especially those in need. Erica had plans to attend college and go into culinary arts or earn her degree to become an attorney.

This Scholarship, Have Courage, & be Kind, is to honor graduating senior students at Salem Hills or Payson High School. The student must have good grades with a minimum GPA of 3.0, and have exemplary personal character.

To apply the senior should submit one copy of the following:

1. Official High School transcript – needs to be a 3.0 or better
2. One letters of recommendation from a coach, teacher, friend, or family member, etc.
3. A typed essay explaining a time where you showed courage, your involvement in high school activities, any community services or service projects you have completed or helped with. Describe your post-high school plans and how this scholarship will help you achieve your educational goals.

The completed application should be received in the counseling office by April 18th (Erica’s birthday), by 3:00 p.m.

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Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____

High School you currently attend: _____ GPA: _____

University/College you will be attending: _____

Field of Study/Area of interest: _____

Have you applied for or received other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

If Yes, list those received & amounts: _____

Extracurricular activities, honors, clubs, scholastic honors, etc.:

Community/Church Service

Hobbies and Interests:

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Please submit one copy of the entire application for the Have Courage, and be Kind Scholarship to the counseling office. The completed application should be received in the counseling office by April 18th (Erica's birthday), by 3:00 p.m.

The successful scholarship recipient must be present at the scholarship awards.